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NEW FIRES BURNING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

CEDAR CITY, UTAH – Today, July 11, 2006, twelve fires started in southwestern Utah and northern Arizona. Late this afternoon, two of those fires grew in size.

The Smith fire was reported at 5:43 p.m., and has burned approximately 40-50 acres west of the Kolob Terrace road and 3 miles north of Virgin, Utah. Seven engines, 1 water tender, 1 large helicopter and 2 crews are fighting the fire at the present time. There is no confirmation on the cause of the fire.

The Castle Cliff fire has burned 70 acres off "Old Highway 91," a mile north of the Joshua Tree National Landmark. It was reported at 6:29 p.m. Seven engines, 1 water tender, and a hand crew have worked on the fire tonight. The cause of this fire is unknown.

Four single engine air tankers assisted both fires.

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